

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

The Late Debates on the Royal Grants
Interpreted to Mean That

ROYAL EXTRAVAGANCE MUST STOP

The Government's Victory by No Means a
Great or Glorious One.

MORLEY TO TACKLE THE MATTER AGAIN.

Once More the Nationalists and Conservatives Vote
Together.

As many Americans as could gain admission were present at the debates on the royal grants in Parliament last week. The result is a warning to the royal family that in future no extravagances will be winked at.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, July 27.—[Copyright.]—The debates of Thursday and Friday on the royal grants in the House of Commons were the most interesting of the present session of Parliament, and many Americans were in the crowded galleries, among them Chauncey Depew and Minister Lincoln. Many others would have liked to get in, who found that all the seats of the American Consulate were unable to extend the limits of the seating capacity of St. Stephen's.

It was a bad week for the royal family, in spite of the bad wedding. It is not pleasant for an avowed old lady like the Queen to be shown so plainly that an end is almost come to her opportunities for plunder, and it is a sad thing for the Prince of Wales to read the signs of the times that point to such narrow possibilities for himself by the time he reaches the throne.

NOT A GREAT VICTORY.

It should be borne in mind that the victory the Government is making so much of was merely the defeat of Labouchere's amendment, whereby he proposed that Parliament, in response to the Queen's petition for an allowance for her granddaughter, should inform the old lady that she might economize her household expenses and dower the Princess herself.

That there are 116 members of Parliament who are willing to make this stand is not encouraging from a Royalist point of view. From a Republican point of view, to be sure, it is less than ridiculous that a Queen with a private fortune of \$20,000,000, an income from crown lands and other property of \$2,500,000, and a salary of almost \$2,000,000 more, should have the assurance to ask the people to make an allowance for her granddaughter, who marries a man with a private income of \$400,000 per year.

INTERESTING ANALYSIS.

An analysis of the vote on Labouchere's amendment is of interest. The conservative vote of 254 was solid against the amendment, of course. The Unionists all voted against it, too, with the exception of Richard Chamberlain, brother of Joseph, to the number of 58. A number of Gladstonians did not vote at all, but 36 were recorded against the amendment, as was the entire Nationalist party, with the single exception of T. P. O'Connor.

Parnell's motive in casting his 50 votes in favor of the royal grant is considered excellent politics, since he thus puts the Nationalist party on record as not opposed to the crown.

On Monday John Morley moves an amendment very similar in its scope to the one that has just been defeated. Morley will move that, in the opinion of the Committee on Royal Grants, no adequate ground has been shown for a proposal which increases the charge of the consolidated fund, in order to make provision for the younger members of the royal family, and while adding to the burden, leaves

ROOM FOR FUTURE CLAIMS

of the same character. This amendment will also be defeated, but the debate upon it will be a very lively one, since the Government, having given two days to Labouchere's amendment, intends to apply the closure next week.

The action that will, in all probability, be taken upon the royal grant question, will be to accept Gladstone's compromise, and to grant £26,000 to the Prince of Wales, with the stipulation that he shall hereafter provide for all members of his own family out of his own purse, though Prince Albert Victor, as heir apparent, will be made a separate provision, necessarily, when his father becomes King.

The fact that there are 116 Radicals in Parliament whom not even the entreaties of Gladstone could move to vote in favor of a royal grant, is of the utmost significance. Ten years ago, when the Duke of Connaught's marriage brought up the same question, there were very few members of the House of Commons who voted against the grant.

READ TO KEEP IN LINE.

It was with great difficulty that Parnell induced his followers to cast their vote against Labouchere's amendment on Friday. Bigger's dispute with the Government was the last man to go out, and he almost groveled on the floor with humiliation. It was the first time since Gladstone brought in the third home rule bill that the Nationalists and Conservatives had voted on the same side of a question.

The only amusing incident of Thursday's and Friday's debate was the editor of the *Truth* took a rise out of Joseph Chamberlain, whose American wife was watching the scene from the gallery. Enumerating the salaries that are paid to officers of the royal household, £2,000 to the Lord Chamberlain, £2,000 to the Master of Horse, £2,500 to the Master of the Buckhounds, £2,500 to eight lords in waiting, £2,585 to eight grooms in waiting, and £3,000 to four equerries.

CHAMBERLAIN EMBARRASSED.

Mr. Labouchere asked why the country should be put to the expense of paying noblemen to perform these duties, while there were so many gentlemen like the honorable member from Birmingham, for instance, who would be only too glad to perform for nothing. Chamberlain was startled out of his usual composure, and as he is one of the most unpopular men in the House of Commons, there was a shout of laughter from all sides. He turned red and then white again, and succeeded in looking very foolish indeed, much to everyone's gratification, except that of his wife.

Home Again After His Flushing.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, July 27.—The gambler's aphorism that "there is a fool born every minute" is illustrated by the return from France this week of the Earl Dudley, one of the young noblemen who were arrested in the celebrated raid upon the Field Club some weeks ago, the said young nobleman having lost \$50,000 at cards in Paris.

Favorably Impressed by the Lincolns.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, July 27.—The American Minister and Mrs. Lincoln gave their last public reception for the season on Friday, and will start in a few days for the German watering places for a brief visit. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln and Miss Lincoln have made a very favorable impression in London society.

Colonel North Rooms the Nitrates.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, July 27.—Colonel North's return to London has caused a boom in all nitrate securities, but the bulls are so anxious and ready to take profits that there does not appear to be much stay in it. Nitrates have been fluctuating a full point, and sometimes two points daily.

TRYING TO CONVERT THE SHAH.

A Large Party of His Mail Consists of
Bibles and Tracts.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, July 27.—The Shah continues to be discussed in London drawing-rooms and newspapers. It seems that the chief social difficulty with him and his suite arose out of the question of clothes. The Persians do not undress when they retire, and they do not sleep in beds. Nasir Eddin has followed the custom of his country during his visit here, and so have his suite. As their servants sleep outside of their doors, in order to be within call of their masters in case of necessity, there have been several slight misunderstandings in English country houses.

The Shah is still traveling in the province, and visiting mills and factories, and otherwise improving his mind. He has been presented with no end of Bibles, and his daily mail is always largely composed of tracts tending to convert him from Mohammedanism to Christianity. On the Sunday of his visit in Liverpool a clergyman preached a sermon in which he pointed out that Mohammedans were singularly free from the vices of drinking and gambling, and regretting that the Prince of Wales had led the Shah out of the path of virtue by showing him how to bet at racetracks.

The Persian monarch has exhibited much surprise upon learning of the position in Victoria's household of John Brown, whose colossal statue he had noticed and admired at Balmoral, under the impression that the subject was a great statesman. The Shah says they manage those things better in Persia.

PAID WELL FOR HER DIAMONDS.

The Divine Sara Loses Her Jewels and
Has to Reward the Finder.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, July 27.—An ill wind for Sara Bernhardt blew good to a cabman last Tuesday. The tragedienne, who is playing at the Lyceum Theatre, took a hansom after the performance for her hotel, carrying several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds with her, as usual, but not as usual taking them out of the cab when she reached her destination. She discovered her loss next day and flew to Scotland Yard, where she went into a transport of delight upon finding them. The cabman had handed her property over to the police. When the divine Sara learned, however, that under the English laws she owed the cabman £165 salvage, the London detective force witnessed a mild drama.

She called down the vengeance of heaven upon the framers of the law that oppressed her, and then demanded to see the Chief of Police. When she was told that that officer could only be seen by appointment, she raged anew. "Why not?" she demanded. "I can see the Prince of Wales without appointment, why not the Chief of Police?" Threats and entreaties proving alike of no avail, she went to her lawyer, who effected a compromise, whereby she paid the cabman £25, and the diamonds were returned to her.

COULDN'T SWIM ALL THE WAY.

A New York Theatrical Manager Stranded
in London for a Few Days.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, July 27.—Jessie Williams, musical director of the New York Casino, who has been in Europe on a visit this summer, did not enjoy the last few days of his stay in London. The reason was that Williams lost his return ticket to America and his pocketbook last Wednesday, and having left his bathing suit and other necessities in the cab from which he was taken, he found himself in a very awkward position. He was therefore out of the question, his mental condition bordered on frenzy until Friday, when a friend supplied his financial needs.

RED MEN WON'T SELL.

Cherokee Commissioners Find Chief Mays
a Big Obstacle to Negotiations.

White Earth Indians Won't
Sell Their Reservations.

TAHERQUAH, I. T., July 27.—When Principal Chief Mays, of the Cherokee Nation, was questioned as to the attitude of his people, concerning the incoming conference with the United States Commissioners, he said, speaking in correct English:

"The gentlemen will be treated with the utmost courtesy, but if they come here to negotiate a sale of our reservation, we will not sell. We have no intention of selling, and our lawyers will avail themselves of their Government nothing. In the first place the Cherokees don't want to sell to anybody, and in the second place their Constitution forbids any such transaction."

The Chief then produced a copy of the Cherokee Constitution and read the prohibitory section.

"The only way this can be amended," he added, "is by giving public notice six months before a general election, and no such election will be held here for two years; therefore any and all legitimate efforts on the part of the United States to transact a treaty with the Cherokee Nation for the sale of its lands cannot possibly mature before two years. Now I understand the idea of the Government is to show that it contains certain flaws. Of course it is natural that any expedient, however unfair, should be adopted by the Government. The Cherokees refuse to sell, but they will undertake a monstrous task when they attempt to undermine our patent. We had in black and white the words of President Andrew Jackson giving this land to the Cherokees 'as long as the grass grows and the water flows.' However our title has again and again been confirmed by the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the Government, and several inferior courts have held similarly. The Cherokees, therefore, will have cause to be extremely suspicious if the commission begins its labors by assailing our title."

Chief Mays was then asked if he would call an extra session of the council to consider the proposition of the commission, but he refused to commit himself on this point. General Ross, the leader of the opposition party, has several articles of impeachment against Mays, to be made at the next council, and the chief is naturally somewhat reticent about precipitating a discussion of his impeachment, so an extra session is doubly improbable. The Commissioners spent a large part of their time yesterday at the capitol of the five civilized tribes at Muskogee, where they outlined a plan of operations, beginning at Tahlequah Monday. General Fairchild thinks it will take about ten minutes to end the Cherokee conference if Mays remains as indifferent as he is at present.

A dispatch from White Earth Agency, Minn., says: It seems pretty certain that

the great White Earth reservation of 3,000,000 acres will not be opened this year. Commissioners Rice, Marty and Whiting are discouraged over the outlook. After suggesting many questions to the commission in reference to the Nelson bill, the Indians took a decided stand against opening any portion of the White Earth reservation to settlement. There have been several stormy sessions, and the Indians are not in good humor, so that it will be a difficult task to secure their consent. The commission has been in session at White Earth ten days, and as yet has not secured a signature.

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